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1. It has been reliably reported that the Ecuadoran opposition has become united in view of President Plaza's steadily gaining strength. The opposition has decided that the time to strike is now or not at all.
2. The Universities of Quito, Cuenca, and Loja were to join the Guayaquil student strike on 13 May 1949. The Confederacion de Trabajadores del Ecuador (CTE) pledged to support the students and promised to call a general strike if the government was abusive with the students. The Army has been alerted to the plan, and in the event that labor joined the student strikes, intended to take over the government on the pretext that Plaza was incapable of maintaining public order. The Guardia Civil pledged its support of the Army.
3. Military action was to culminate in calling Col. Carlos Mancheno to power.

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